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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Establishment of SSA-DD/S as a Focal Point for Coordinating Inter-Agency Agreements.

1. Several weeks ago, the DD/S indicated that he wished to establish the SSA-DD/S as a "focal point" for coordinating inter-Agency support agreements. The DD/S requested at that time that a review be made of our existing support liaison relationships with the [REDACTED] with a view to defining the major outstanding problems, in order to facilitate discussions on policy matters with the [REDACTED] and strengthen the internal coordinating mechanism for dealing with the [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] of this office has conducted such a review and has prepared a staff study on this subject which is attached.

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2. In view of the relatively small size of the SSA-DD/S Staff and the expressed desire of the DD/S to keep this Staff small, I have some reservations as to the capability of this Staff to function as a "focal point" for inter-Agency activities unless it is clearly understood that we are to act only in the capacity of a "coordinator" and that the functional day-to-day support liaison and routine transactions will continue to be handled by the functional DD/S offices concerned (i.e., Comptroller, Logistics, Commo, etc.).

3. It is, therefore, recommended that discussions be held with the Chiefs of all DD/S Offices on the subject of inter-Agency liaison, with a view to obtaining a clearer understanding respecting the basic responsibility for inter-Agency support liaison, and that an Agency Notice be prepared defining the types of liaison conducted with other U. S. Agencies and designating the Agency officials responsible for conducting such liaison.

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Attachment: Study re Improvement of Support Liaison Relationships with Department of State